



**Community Energy Cooperative
Energy-Smart Pricing PlanSM
Central Air Conditioner Cycling Option
Guidelines**
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- **When will my air conditioner be cycled?**

Cycling takes place hourly in 15 minute increments when the energy price rises above the price point of 10 cents per kWh. Prices over 10 cents are most likely to occur during the summer, but can occur any time through the year. The Cooperative will not cycle your air conditioner during the months of November, December, January and February. Since this is the same price point used for notification of ESPP high price days, you will receive an email or phone call from us the evening before. You can also check prices for the next day either on the Cooperative's Web site (www.energycooperative.org) or by phone, (877) 655-6028.

- **How will my air conditioner be cycled?**

We will send a wireless signal to a control switch installed on the side of your home or directly on the air conditioner's compressor panel. The switch allows us to turn your compressor on and off, so it uses less power safely during the hours when prices are at or above the price point.

- **Who installs the control switch?**

Our technician, a Good Cents contractor, will install the switch at no cost to you. The installation will occur during daytime hours, Monday through Friday.

- **Will access to my home be required?**

Normally, we only require access to the compressor which is located outside the home.

- **What happens during the cycling periods?**

The compressor cycles off for a maximum of 15 minutes every half hour when cycling is effective. During this time, the air conditioner fan will continue to circulate air.

- **How will I get my savings?**

You will be reducing your electric energy usage during times that the price is the highest by having your compressor run less. Your savings come from that energy reduction.

- **Should I change my thermostat settings during the cycling periods?**

Your energy savings will come primarily from cycling. Changing your thermostat will have only limited additional benefits during the high priced hours. However, if you change the temperature for a longer period than the high priced period, you can get additional savings. (For example, if the prices are over 10 cents from 1 to 5 pm, change the thermostat for the period 9 am to 7 pm.)

- **Can I change the price point for cycling?**

Yes, you can call us to have your price point changed. To save more money, you can choose a lower price point of either \$0.08 or \$0.09. This will increase the times that your air conditioner is cycled, leading to greater energy savings for you. You can also choose a higher price point, but your savings will be less. Changes in the price point will become effective the second business day after you call. You may change the price point no more than three times each year. Note that, regardless of your choice of price points, high price notifications will only be sent to you when prices reach \$0.10.

- **Can I cancel the Air Conditioner Cycling Option?**

You can cancel the Air Conditioner Cycling Option, **but** you will incur a cancellation penalty of \$100 if you cancel before November 1, 2005.